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Lots of parties came in and testified on the bill, many in favor of, many in opposition to, and the committee, in offering this amendment, did solve some of the objections to the bill and I think that the upcoming amendment to the committee amendment does offer the consensus on this bill that is needed so that all parties can live with it, and I would simply encourage you to adopt the amendment to the amendment and then the amendment and, finally, to advance the bill. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. You heard the opening on the committee amendments to LB 391. Mr. Clerk, an amendment to those amendments.

CLERK: Mr. President, I do have amendments to the committee amendments; the first, Senator Chambers, AM2177. (Legislative Journal page 2273, First Session, 2001.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers, you're recognized to open on AM2177 to the committee amendments.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, the theme song for this amendment could be come together right now over this bill. I would like to ask Senator Quandahl a question.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Would you yield, Senator Quandahl?

SENATOR QUANDAHL: Yes, I would.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Quandahl, did this amendment's presence have any impact on encouraging the different groups to come together and discuss what is in this bill and to try to work out differences they may have?

SENATOR QUANDAHL: I would have to imagine that it did, because over the interim and after the hearing on this there were a number of meetings. Senator Jensen said there were 14 or 16 meetings that actually took place to address some of the concerns that the parties that were initially opposing the bill had. So, yes, I would have to say it did.